and, if not possible, to take action against them as warranted under the law immediately.

Expenditure on residential accommodation for officers of Airlines at Madras and Calcutta

1033. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the monthly expenditure incurred by the Air India, Indian Airlines, Vayudoot and Pawan Hans Ltd. on officers' residential accommodation, for their Madras and Calcutta based officers and also on the building hired for offices, godowns etc. during each of the last three years and under each head separately; and

(b) what is the number of officers of each service using the residential accommodations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

According of industrial status to Tourism

1034. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestions from FICCI that Tourism should be declared a central subject and be accorded the status of export-oriented industry;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(c) what have been the foreign exchange earnings from Tourism during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) No such suggestion has been received by the Department of Tourism in the recent past. However, there is a suggestion that for a coordinated approach for the development of tourism industry in the country, it would be appropriate to bring tourism under the concurrent list of the Constitution of India. Besides, tourism being the largest net earner of foreign exchange with potential for substantial growth, it should be given the status of export-oriented industry.

(c) As per estimates of the Department of tourism the foreign exchange earnings from tourism during the last two years were as follows:—

1986-87	Rs.	1780 crores
1987-88	Rs.	1890 crores

Irregularities in the Indian Council of Historical Research

1035. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have inquired into the working of Indian Council of Historical Research during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of irregularities in the working of the Council have been detected:

(c) whether it is a fact that several projects on which the Council had invested funds remained incomplete for years; and

(d) if so, whether any action has been taken or is proposed to be taken to improve the working of the Council by Government; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND